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REMARKS

Claims 1-41 are pending in the present application. At the present time, claims 1-41 stand rejected based on the prior art of record. In particular, claims 1-2, 10, 14-15, 18 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Underwood (U.S. Patent No. 6,523,027). Claims 28-41 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Bowman Amuah (U.S. Patent No. 6,529,948). Claims 3-9, 11-13, 16-17, 19-22 and 24-26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Underwood in view of Bowman Amuah.

In response to the Office Action of September 16, 2003 and the Advisory Action mailed on December 29, 2003, Applicant hereby submits another Declaration of the applicant/inventor Mr. Stanton J. Taylor as Exhibit 1 which is enclosed. The Declaration is a Declaration of Prior Invention in the United States to Overcome Cited Patents pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131. The Declaration was executed on January 16, 2004 by Mr. Taylor, and declares that each and every feature of the invention claimed in claims 1-41 is based on and supported by a book entitled Netcentric and Client/Server Computing. A copy of the book entitled Netcentric and Client/Server Computing that was published on December 18, 1998 and forms part of the enclosed Declaration of Mr. Taylor was previously submitted in an office action response filed on November 17, 2003.

The enclosed Declaration of Mr. Taylor has established a date of invention of the subject matter disclosed by claims 1-41 that is prior to the effective date of the Underwood and Amuah patents cited by the Examiner. In addition, the Declaration of Mr. Taylor establishes that each and every feature of the invention claimed in claims 1-41 is based on and supported by Chapters

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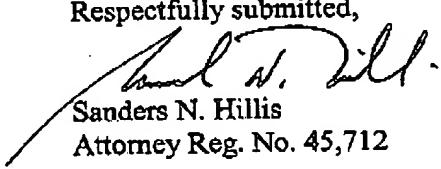
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1-3 and 17-18 of the book. Accordingly, the Applicant has now provided a showing of facts of sufficient character and weight in accordance with 37 CFR §1.131(b) to establish conception of the invention prior to the effective date of the cited prior art.

The Examiner has also indicated that the Applicant is required to furnish formal drawings in response to this Office Action. As Applicant pointed out in its previous response, Applicant respectfully believes that formal drawings were filed with this application at the time of filing and that the drawings as filed are correct. In addition, Applicant notes that as of today's date, Applicant has not received a Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) form indicating that any changes need to be made to the drawings as filed. As such, Applicant cannot respond to this request at this time because Applicant is unaware of what problems, if any, there are with the drawings as originally filed.

Applicant believes that all of the present pending claims of this application are allowable and respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance for this application indicating the same. In the event a telephone conversation would help expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (317) 636-0886.

Respectfully submitted,


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